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News UPDATE



Columbia crew lost minutes from landing

Columbia, NASA's first shuttle orbiter, was first launched April 12, 1981. Tragedy struck Feb. 1, 2003, as the crew of 7 men and women astronauts, Ph.D.s and soldiers who were scientists, descended over Texas approaching the Kennedy Space Center for the shuttle's landing.

Ironically, they had paused at 11:39 a.m. Jan. 28 to remember those who perished on the Challenger 17 years earlier. At that time, Columbia Commander Rick Husband is quoted as saying: "They made the ultimate sacrifice giving their lives and service to their country for all mankind."

The Columbia crew included: Rick Husband, 45, mission commander; Michael Anderson, 43, payload commander; William McCool, 41, pilot; Ilan Ramon, 48, payload specialist; Kalpana Chawla, 41, mission specialist; Laurel Clark, 41, mission specialist; and David Brown, 46, mission specialist.

President George W. Bush spoke of the Columbia crew's sacrifice to the gathering of the families and many others including NASA astronauts John Glenn, first man to orbit the earth and Neal Armstrong, first man to walk on the moon, at the Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas, Feb. 4. "Their mission was almost complete and we lost them so close to home."

Town Hall meeting survey

Everyone is invited to log on to the Garrison's Homepage and take the town hall meeting survey. It takes just a few minutes to complete and will provide invaluable information in scheduling the next meeting in March 2003. Your suggestions and comments are needed. Go to <http://www.gordon.army.mil/garrfp/default.htm>.

AFAP conference planned

Fort Gordon will host an installation-wide Army Family Action Plan conference Feb. 26 and 27 at the Reserve Center. The two day conference will provide delegates (active duty, national guard, reserve, retired, DA civilians, contract employees and family members) with an opportunity to address quality of life issues concerning the installation specifically and the Army as a whole. For more information, call Lynn C. Harshman, Community Readiness director, 791-2820.

RAMP: Security program keeps everyone on guard

Spc. Zoe Morris
News editor

You're speeding up to Gate 1, going as fast as you can, praying the line is short because you're running late for work call. You throw your ID at the military police on duty and then swear under your breath as you're pulled over for a search.

What is it now? Do you look like a terrorist? Do the MPs just feel like messing with all the hurried-looking people?

Nope. It's all a part of Ran-

dom Antiterrorist Measure Program. RAMP is an Army-wide security program in which random searches, identification, and the like keep people on their toes and potential terrorist from slipping through a hole created by a pattern.

"We randomly pick vehicles to search," Lt. Col. Jessie Goggins, director of Public Safety, said. "Sometimes it's every third car. Sometimes it's every twelfth car. The number of cars we let go by decreases as security is tightened."

If the MPs at Gate 1 always

checked the third car, then anyone who wanted to transport something illegal through the gate knows that if he times himself to be the fourth person, he won't get checked. But if there is no pattern, or one that is often changed, then it will be much harder for the potential terrorist to bring something on post.

The MPs also use K9 patrol dogs to check for bombs, Goggins said.

"All freight coming on post

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Realignment of major commands announced

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Five major commands will report directly to Department of the Army staff principals under a realignment announced today.

The realignment of major commands and field operating agencies will create a new position on the Army staff — the provost marshal general — and the Criminal Investigation Command, known as CID, will report directly to the new staff officer.

The Military District of Washington will become a direct reporting unit to the Office of the Army Chief of Staff. Medical Command will become a direct reporting unit under the Army surgeon general.

The Intelligence and Security Command, known as INSCOM, will report directly to the Army's assistant chief of staff, Intelligence/G2. The Army Signal Command will be realigned under the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command. NETCOM will report directly to the chief of Information Operations/G6.

U.S. Army South, or USARSO, will continue moving to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from Puerto Rico and will continue supporting the joint U.S. Southern Command, officials said, although it will report to Forces Command under the realignment plan. Preliminary decisions about the realignment of other MACOM headquarters have been made, officials said, but details will not be released until the commands review the proposals. Over the next few months, MACOMs will develop implementation plans that address the challenges involved, officials explained.

Proposed changes will af-

fect the following commands: U. S. Army Europe, U. S. Army Pacific, Eighth Army in Korea, U. S. Army Forces Command, U. S. Army Material Command, and the Military Traffic Management Command.

Training and Doctrine Command, Special Operations Command and the Corps of Engineers will remain unchanged, officials said, under the current realignment plan.

The realignments are a continuation of Secretary of the Army Thomas White's initiative started in June 2001 to assess all Army headquarters and supporting activities, properly align responsibility and eliminate redundancy, officials said. The FOA realignment is Phase II of that initiative and the MACOM realignment is Phase III.

The realignment plan will incorporate better business practices and organizational concepts that have proven successful in major corporations, White said, adding that it will optimize the use of technology. The realignments are also designed to improve the control of resources and thereby provide tangible benefit to Army commands, installations and ultimately soldiers and their families, officials said. Most of the initiatives, including those for FOAs, will be begin next fiscal year after the affected organizations develop and submit implementation plans for approval, Army officials said.

Decisions about the following Army agencies have been made:

Office of the Inspector General — The TIG will integrate 10 reserve-component soldiers into the organization and consolidate its Information Technology activity with the Directorate of Information

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Photo by Laura West

To our deployed troops: we love you

(From left to right): Esther David, 297th Military Intelligence Battalion, Family Readiness Group leader; Cpl. Aaron Mason, 297th MI Bn. group coordinator; Brandon Parnell, 5th grade student; Lance Scott, 5th grade student; Taylore Burks, 5th grade student; Brenda Reeves, Freedom Park Elementary School counselor, coordinated the Valentine activity of making and sending Valentines to troops deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom. The children enjoyed the project so much that they want to do the same thing for St. Patrick's Day.

Top dog: K-9 duo stop suspected murderer

Spc. Ryan Matson
Staff writer

Cadet Josh Pieczynski
Youth Challenge Academy

The first, and second, Bronze Stars presented in 2003 at Fort Gordon were awarded Jan. 29 in the kennel area on post.

The first went to Sgt. Matthew Hammond, 35th Military Police Detachment, for his outstanding conduct in support of Task Force 180 during a six-month deployment to Afghanistan from April 2 to Sept. 2, 2002.

The second star went to Hammond's partner, a Belgian Malinois dog named Donja.

Hammond described the emotions he felt when he learned he was going to receive the award.

"When I found out what I was getting, I was surprised, honored, humbled, shocked and nervous," he said. "I really didn't know what to feel."

Hammond is part of the K-9 MP unit here on post. While in Afghanistan he and Donja worked together on several missions. The pair were attached to a special forces unit and performed ground and riot control and explosives detec-

tion.

During an explosives detection patrol one day at the main entrance of Kandahar Air Force Base, Donja and Hammond's teamwork proved vitally important.

The two were searching a sport utility vehicle driven by a person who later proved to be a murder suspect from Pakistan. When Donja reached the back of the vehicle, she immediately sat down, indicating she had sensed something out of the ordinary.

"I get a bit nervous whenever Donja sits down," Hammond said.

Donja's instincts proved correct. When the carpet of the van was removed, it was discovered that C-4 residue and bomb-making materials were in the vehicle.

The Bronze Stars were also a first for U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, who presented Hammond and Donja their medals.

"I've never had the chance to present this to a soldier until today. I'm very proud of his work," Hicks said as she pinned the medal on the left side of Hammond's chest.

Following the pinning of

Hammond's Bronze Star, Capt. Jesse G. Pooler, 35th Military Police Detachment, said that a special twist was upcoming, and announced that based on Hammond's recommendation, Donja would also receive the medal from the general. At that point, Hammond took some time to offer comments about his dog.

"I wouldn't have been able to do my job without her," he said. "Her actions were just as outstanding as mine. Not only is it my day today, but it's her day as well."

Donja bowed her head and Hicks knelt and pinned the shiny medal around the dog's collar. After the medal was in place, Donja jumped happily onto the general's lap.

Hammond said he and Donja have been working together for three years and as a team have gone through hundreds of training hours a month. Among their numerous missions was one in which Hammond, an Oregon native, assisted in security at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City. This assignment concluded three weeks prior to Hammond's deployment to Afghanistan, a deployment for

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Photo by Spc. Ryan Matson

Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, commanding general, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, pinned the Bronze Star on Sgt. Matthew Hammond, 35th Military Police Detachment, and followed by pinning the Bronze Star on MP dog Donja. Hammond's wife Dena looks on. The K-9 team stopped a murder suspect where Donja detected residue of C-4 and other bomb materials in the vehicle.



Black History Month

African-American Black History Month is **Feb. 1 - 28** and will recognize the accomplishments and achievements of African-Americans.

This year's theme is "The Souls of Black Folk: Centennial Reflections." The program will be held in Alexander Hall, **Feb. 24** at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call Sgt 1st Class Gregory Pair at 791-2014/6657.

Tax time

The Tax Center on post is open. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Staff Judge Advocate Office, Building 29718 on the first floor.

The center will be for tax preparation on the following Saturdays and training holidays: **Saturday, Feb. 14, March 1, March 29 and April 5**, 8 a.m. to noon.

Documents required are W2s, power of attorney, 1099 (INT, DIV, MISC etc.), Social Security Cards and documents for tax reductions and exemptions.

For more information, call your unit tax advisor or Sgt. Lisa Gary at 791-7883/7812.

Bronze Star

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Photo by Spc. Ryan Matson

Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding, kneels to pin the Bronze Star on Donja, K-9 teammate, with Sgt. Matthew Hammond, 35th Military Police Detachment.

which he volunteered. Hammond has volunteered to return to the Middle East now, but is ineligible to do this until he completes a six month stabilization period.

After going through these various assignments together, the team of soldier and dog have become close.

"Donja is the best dog I've ever worked with," Hammond said.

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comes in a special gate, and all cargo is checked by the dogs," he said. "This gate cuts down on congestion at the two main gates."

The gates are not the only areas where RAMP is applied.

"Some of the measures include what we call the high-risk target buildings," Goggins said. "Those are your troop billets, the schools - any facilities that house more than 200 personnel on a continuous basis and that could possibly create mass casualties."

Identification verification is a part of RAMP and general post security.

"We make sure the person has business in the facility," Goggins said. "We don't want strangers just wandering in and out. We check ID and bags going in and out, to make sure there is no classified information going out the door."

"(RAMP) is not just a director of public safety or law enforcement mission, it's a commander's program," Goggins said. "All commanders need to be doing this to their facilities - company areas, office buildings, soldier billets. By doing (ID checks, etc.) you bring a level of awareness to what's going on. People need to continue to be aware of their surroundings. Even if you work in a building, you need to be aware if something's out of place."

"There's a lot more work we're doing in order to provide a secure place for us to live and work in," Goggins said. "We're continuing on making Fort Gordon as secure as possible."

RAMP is always practiced, no matter what Force Protection Condition a military area is under at the time.

The FPCON system is the foundation of all anti-terrorist plans and orders, according to the Department of the Army website. Army Regulation 252-13 outlines FPCON and the measures under it.

There are five FPCON levels.

FPCON NORMAL - Applies when there is no discernible terrorist activity. Under these conditions, only a routine security posture, designed to defeat the routine criminal threat, is warranted. The minimum FPCON for U.S. Army commands is NORMAL.

Under FPCON NORMAL expect - Only routine secu-

rity measures.

FPCON ALPHA - A general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel and facilities exists, the nature and extent of which are unpredictable. Circumstances do not justify full implementation of FPCON Bravo measures but certain measures from higher FPCONs may be necessary based on intelligence reports, or as a deterrent. Installation commanders must be able to maintain this FPCON indefinitely.

Under FPCON ALPHA expect - Delays at installation gates.

- Tightening of visitor entry procedures.

- All personnel should increase their vigilance over their work areas/facilities.

FPCON BRAVO - Applies when an increased or more predictable threat exists. Commanders must be capable of maintaining the measures of this FPCON for several weeks without causing undue hardship to personnel, substantially affecting operational capabilities, or aggravating relations with local authorities and members of the local civilian or host nation community.

Under FPCON BRAVO expect - Delays at installation gates, possible gate closures.

- Tightening of visitor entry procedures.

- To consider implementation of a flex-time work schedule.

- To see increased internal security and be prepared to comply with instructions.

- Be prepared for parking restrictions away from facilities.

FPCON CHARLIE - Applies when an incident occurs or intelligence is received indicating imminent terrorist action. Implementation of FPCON CHARLIE measures for more than a short period probably will create hardships for personnel and affect the peacetime activities of units and personnel.

Under FPCON CHARLIE expect - Additional delays at installation gates. Only the minimum number of gates will be open.

- Tightening of visitor entry procedures.

- To release non-essential personnel.

FPCON DELTA - Applies when a terrorist attack has occurred, or intelligence indicates likely terrorist action against a specific location. It

is normally declared as a localized warning and requires implementation of mandatory security measures. Implementation of FPCON DELTA cannot be sustained by commands for extended periods without causing significant hardships for personnel and affecting the peacetime activities of units and personnel.

Under FPCON DELTA expect - The closure of remaining installation gates, only emergency personnel will be allowed to enter.

- To cease any administrative trips or visits on installation.

FPCON is an Army system, giving direction to Army installations and commands. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, a newly organized department in charge of the country's own security, has created the Homeland Security Advisory System. This system is for all citizens of the United States, while FPCON is directly responsible for the Army's security measures.

The different colors indicate levels of the HS Advisory System.

Red - Signifies severe risk of attack and may require the pre-positioning of specially trained teams, closing public and government facilities and monitoring transportation systems.

Orange - Signifies a high risk of attack, meaning the government should coordinate necessary security efforts with armed forces or law enforcement agencies and take additional precautions at public events.

Yellow - Signifies an elevated condition meaning there is a significant risk of attack. Increased surveillance of critical locations and implementation of selected emergency response plans are called for.

Blue - Signifies a guarded risk, and agencies are asked to review and update emergency response procedures.

Green - Signifies a low risk of terrorist attack.

Cartoonist part of Army Guard legacy

Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Cartoonist Bill Mauldin, who gained fame for his beloved and combat-seasoned dogfaces Willie and Joe who slogged across Europe during World War II, never got the National Guard out of his system. He is, in fact, a part of the National Guard's legacy.

He first put on the uniform as a private in the National Guard's 45th Infantry Division in Arizona. Willie is a caricature of one Army infantryman who originally enlisted in that division as a Guardsman. And the largest single body of Mauldin's Pulitzer Prize winning, original World War II cartoons, 226 of them, are owned by and displayed at the 45th Infantry Division Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla.

That, observed Mike Gonzales, the museum's curator, makes Mauldin as much of an icon for the National Guard as he was for the Army.

Mauldin was 81 when he died on Jan. 22 at a nursing home in Newport Beach, Calif., reportedly from complications of Alzheimer's disease, including pneumonia. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Jan. 29 with honors appropriate for his rank as a sergeant, a cemetery spokesman explained. That included a 21-gun salute, a bugler playing "Taps," and the folding of the flag that covered his casket.

"I wanna long rest after th' war. Mebbe I'll do a hitch in th'

reg'lars," Willie says to Joe while one savors a canteen cup of coffee and the other cuts open a box of K-rations in a bombed out building somewhere on the front.

That line, claims National Guard Bureau historian Renee Hylton, is a clue that Mauldin drew on his own experiences as a National Guard citizen-soldier.

There were other clues.

Willie, for example, resembled a Native American from Oklahoma named Rayson Billey who Mauldin considered one of the bravest men he ever knew, Gonzales explained. Rayson Billey, who died recently, first joined the 45th Division as a Guardsman in a rifle company in McAlester, Okla.

Joe was drawn in Mauldin's own likeness, Gonzales believes.

"I asked him once who Joe was based on," Gonzales said. "He never answered the question, but he looked down at his shoes, then he looked at me and smiled. If you look closely, Joe looks very much like Sgt. Bill Mauldin."

Mauldin originally joined the Arizona National Guard after finishing high school in Phoenix and after studying at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts. He had suffered from rickets, a disease caused by a lack of vitamin D, as a child and could not take part in strenuous activities, The New York Times reported.

He got into the Guard, which did not require a physical examination at that time, and wound up in the Army when the 45th Division was federalized in 1940, more than a year before the at-



Bill Mauldin, cartoonist remembered as creator of the World War II cartoons "Willie and Joe."



"Just give me the aspirin, I already got a Purple Heart."

tack on Pearl Harbor.

Mauldin started with Company K of the 180th Infantry Regiment and drew cartoons for the 45th Division News while that outfit was training in this country and then when it shipped overseas to take part in the 1943 invasions of Sicily and Italy.

He became a full-time cartoonist for Stars and Stripes the following year, and his syndicated cartoons began appearing in newspapers across the United States.

"I drew pictures for and about the soldiers because I knew what their life was like and understood their gripes. I wanted to make something out of the humorous situations which come up even when you don't think life could be any more miserable," recalled Mauldin who was 23 when the war ended in 1945 and who won

his first Pulitzer for this World War II work that year. He was the youngest person to win that prize.

He received his second in 1959, while working as a political cartoonist for The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, for his illustration of the Soviet Union's treatment of Boris Pasternak who had won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1958.

His war cartoons have a timeless quality that appeal to all combat veterans, said Hylton.

"These were the guys who had to do the fighting, about one in 10 of the people who were in the Army," she observed. "The Army is getting more and more different from the Army of World War II, but Mauldin's work is still relevant to people on the front lines. It is still funny to anyone who has ever experienced military bureaucracy."

Realignment

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Management.

The Judge Advocate General — The U.S. Army Legal Service Agency will eliminate one function and 22 spaces, while the TJAG School will eliminate seven spaces.

Army Contracting Agency — One hundred spaces were eliminated in the consolidation and further reductions are proposed over the next three years. Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command, or STRICOM — This command has been eliminated and its acquisition functions transferred to the Army Acquisition Executive as a Program Executive Office. Research and development activities were retained in the Army Materiel Command, to become LOGCOM.

Logistics Integration Agency — Consolidation of this agency will eliminate 25 spaces and provide more integrated support to the deputy chief of staff, G-4.

Army Physical Fitness Research Institute — APFRI has been transferred to the control of the Surgeon General from the Army War College, and the spaces will move to the Medical Command on Oct. 1.

Army War College — The Peacekeeping Institute is disestablished and its missions and functions transferred to TRADOC. Further, 26 other AWC spaces are eliminated, and the college is transferred to TRADOC.

Center for Military History — Thirteen spaces are trans-

ferred to Fort Belvoir, Va., to begin establishment of the National Museum of the U.S. Army.

Army Test and Evaluation Command — The command will assess the potential for consolidation and co-location of its headquarters and report recommendations in the spring of this year.

Army National Guard Readiness Center — The Center will cut 164 spaces.

A study of Human Resources agencies, activities and missions has been completed, officials said, adding that results are expected within 60 to 90 days. They said the Army will announce decisions after the findings and recommendations have been briefed and approved.

Also as part of the Department of the Army Realignment Plan, the U.S. Army Central Personnel Security Clearance Facility was recently realigned as a subordinate command of INSCOM. Formed in 1977 as part of the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center, CCF at Fort Meade, Md., has responsibility for granting security clearances for Army personnel worldwide.

The announcement is the result of continuing efforts by the Headquarters, Department of the Army Realignment Task Force that White established June 25, 2001, officials said. The Phase 2 and 3 task forces were established on Jan. 8, 2002, immediately following final decisions on Phase 1.

The two task forces, consisting of about 30 senior civilians and military members of Army headquarters, looked at all aspects of Army agencies and MACOMs to include: acquisition, headquarters management, logistics, operations, training, intelligence, requirements development, resource

management, external affairs, and civil works.

The approved initiatives are designed to streamline decision-making processes and achieve efficiencies, officials said, as the Army adapts to meet rapidly changing institutional and operational challenges

Retiree Notes:

VA to grant more benefits to Vietnam veterans

Richard T. Lechnir
Retirement Services Officer

I have recently published a retiree electronic newsletter which was emailed to all retirees who provided me an email address. There was a problem with a lot of email addresses, i.e. address not found, address no longer exists etc.

Please provide the retiree office with an updated email address for those who did not receive the newsletter or those who would like to receive the monthly newsletter via email. Provide the information by sending an email to **lechnirr@gordon.army.mil** or by phone at 706-791-2654. It is my desire to reach as many retirees as possible.

VA to grant benefits to more Vietnam veterans -

WASHINGTON (Jan. 23, 2003) - Based upon a recently released review of scientific studies, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi has decided to extend benefits to Vietnam veterans with chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

"Compelling evidence has emerged within the scientific community that exposure to herbicides such as Agent Or-

ange is associated with CLL," Principi said. "I'm exercising my legal authority to ensure the full range of VA benefits is available to Vietnam veterans with CLL."

The ruling means that veterans with CLL who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War don't have to prove that illness is related to their military service to qualify for Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation.

Additionally, for more than 20 years, VA has offered special access to medical care to Vietnam veterans with any health problems that may have resulted from Agent Orange exposure, and this decision will ensure higher-priority access to care in the future.

The decision to provide compensation was based upon a recent report by the Institute of Medicine that found among scientific studies "sufficient evidence of an association" between exposure to herbicides during the Vietnam War and CLL.

The IOM review, conducted at VA's request, was the latest in a series spanning the period since 1993 when the independent, non-governmental

agency first published a report for VA that examined thousands of relevant scientific studies on the health effects of various substances to which American service members may have been exposed in Vietnam.

"On the modern battlefield, not all injuries are caused by shrapnel and bullets," Principi said. "This latest IOM study and my decision to act upon it are the latest examples of VA's continuing efforts to care for the needs of our VA requested the IOM panel of experts to focus on CLL in their report because of veterans' concerns that CLL shares some similarities with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which the IOM had previously connected to Agent Orange exposure.

"Principi ordered the development of regulations to enable VA to begin paying compensation benefits once a final rule takes effect. Publication of that regulation is expected in the near future. VA will publish further details, when available, on its Web site at **<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/benefits/herbicide/>**.

In the meantime, veterans with questions about health-care, compensation and sur-

vivor benefits may call a toll-free help line at 800-749-8387 for information. VA also encourages Vietnam veterans who have not done so to request a subscription to Agent Orange Review, VA's free newsletter that will keep them abreast of developments on this issue and other policies and scientific findings in the future.

Newsletter subscription information is available from the help line number above. Back issues and additional information about Agent Orange are available at another VA web site at **<http://www.va.gov/agentorange/>**.

ACS Employment Readiness Program

Spc. Zoe Morris
News Editor

According to *Soldiers* magazine *Almanac 2003*, 42 percent of all active duty soldiers are married to civilians. This means there are roughly 218,250 Army spouses out there, some of who are unemployed.

Many soldiers arriving at Fort Gordon have a spouse in tow. Kathy Palmer, ACS employment assistance officer, said often the soldier is in advanced individual training and the spouse is only going to be in the area a few months, but may still need a job. So where is the first place a beautician who just left a beauty parlor in Montana should stop when arriving at Fort Gordon?

Darling Hall Room 367 - the ACS headquarters - at 9 a.m. on a Tuesday morning. The Tools for Employment class, held from 9 - 11 a.m. and sponsored by the Employment Readiness Program, covers all the employment basics and introduces potential employees to the Fort Gordon community job market.

The ERP, a part of ACS, is, according to the web site, specifically designed to enhance career, educational, and volunteer opportunities for the military family as well as other eligible military ID card holders.

The web site for the Army Community Service's Employment Readiness Program is a must see for job hunters. The site is a comprehensive collection of tips on gaining employment in the Fort Gordon area.

"Many spouses don't know of services that are available,"

Kathy Palmer, ACS employment assistance officer

Fifty-four site links are on the page providing quick access to information from the Los Angeles Times Classifieds to Yahoo Resume Area.

Besides employment advice, ERP stresses volunteer opportunities.

Palmer, who needed to hire an office worker, went straight to a volunteer who was already working in the office.

Volunteering for ACS offers flexible work. Volunteers choose the hours and the days they want to work. Volunteers can gain valuable job experience, Palmer said. Training is provided through hands on experience, close supervision and workshops. One can get valuable experience and training with computers, office skills and interpersonal skills.

"It can be difficult to find jobs as a military spouse," Palmer, who was a military spouse before joining herself, said. She didn't know about civilian personnel, and when she visited the job office she was overwhelmed. "Many spouses don't know of services that are available," she said.

Palmer said she has many connections within the Fort Gordon community and knows a lot of places on post that hire military spouses in a snap. There are even many non-traditional types of jobs available, such as a daytime babysitter, Palmer said.

But still the best thing to do when trying to get a job, Palmer said, is come to the Tools for Employment class.

"There are three important things to know when trying to obtain a job," Palmer said.

Resumes - resumes have changed and continue to change. Employers want a written action and result oriented resume. They want to see results.

Interview skills - how to act and what to bring are just a few parts to a successful interview.

Job searching - you need to have a pattern and spend at least 40 hours a week searching. She would go to the same three hospitals every Wednesday, so when a position came open, she was

hired because they could put a face to a name, and knew she was dedicated. Also, think outside the block. Try to get the jobs before they're advertised in the paper. Use the Internet and your feet.

Palmer said the way employers seek employees is exactly opposite from how employees seek work, so people looking for jobs need to get some tips to get on the right track.

The ERP manager is available for individual appointments or walk-ins and can provide individual assistance by appointment or walk-in. Job books are available in the ACS lobby, containing recent recruitment actions notices of local businesses.

For more information on the ERP, call ACS at 791-3579.

Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

Who knows your children?

Teaching parents and children how to deal with strangers is essential for two reasons. First, to give children and parents good skills to prevent abduction. Second, to address the anxiety created for parents and children alike at the thought of stranger abduction.

Stranger Danger programs have been taught for decades. Still, all the evidence shows that children go willingly with strangers. Why? Because children don't hear what adults think they are saying.

Reducing children's vulnerability requires that parents and children have basic information about stranger offenders and how they behave. It includes understanding what children believe about strangers and how that makes them more vulnerable. The following will help parents and children develop specific ground rules to enhance personal safety around strangers.

Who are stranger offenders?

Stranger offenders (hereafter called offenders) are people who abduct and/or abuse children they don't know. They do not seek a relationship with the child, as do abusers who know the child. Instead, they see children as objects for their use. They view children as weak, helpless, defenseless victims who can easily be manipulated to fulfill the offenders' needs.

These offenders range from the passive exhibitionist to the sadistic murderer. Bribery, flattery, treats and requests for help are common tricks they use to engage children. While some strangers will actually snatch a child away, this rarely happens. Most children are lured into a seemingly innocent situation with someone who acts like a "nice" person.

Of particular concern are those pedophiles who "hang out" in places where they have access to children, fast food restaurants, arcades, malls,

movies, mini-markets, etc. These offenders will engage a child, molest them in the bathroom or other readily available area and then release the child. These perpetrators tend to prefer boys and report molesting hundreds of children in this manner.

Because there is no way to anticipate who these offenders are or what they will do, the best defense is to keep unsupervised children away from strangers. This is first and foremost the responsibility of parents and other responsible adults. But children also need to be educated, to learn rules that will reduce their risk when adult efforts to protect them fail.

The child's point of view

Strangers have been the focus of so much of our concern for our children's safety that most children have a pretty distorted sense of who and what strangers are. What we've said about strangers makes sense to us, but doesn't usually make sense to them.

Children believe that the world is divided into two types of people: good guys and bad guys. We've traditionally taught them that the ones they need to worry about and watch out for are the bad guys. (Don't take candy from strangers; beware of strangers; stranger danger.) Of course, this is as impossible for children as it is for adults.

Teaching children to be afraid of strangers not only doesn't work very well, it is frightening. When we say things like, "Don't talk to strangers or get in their car because they might take you away and we'd never see you again," we scare children without protecting them.

The safe child approach

Instead of using fear tactics, the Safe Child approach will teach you how to give your children specific guidelines and information to limit

their vulnerability while maintaining their ability to move freely in their everyday lives.

Help your children to understand that there is no way to tell by the way someone looks how they are on the inside. Talk about stereotypes. They should know that judging someone by their appearance is a mistake. Children need to learn about strangers: not any one type of stranger in particular, but strangers in general, so that they can apply the safety rules.

The rules taught to children regarding strangers build upon two simple ideas. The first is that there is only one person who is with you all the time, who can be responsible for keeping you safe, all the time. That person is you.

The second basic idea is that when children are alone, it is their job to take care of themselves. It is not their job to take care of the adults in the world. If an adult needs assistance, they need to get it from another adult, not from a child.

One of the primary ways children get hurt with strangers is by being friendly and helpful. If they understand that taking care of themselves is their first priority when they're alone, they have permission to ignore or deny adult requests for assistance.

Our goal is to have clear, concrete rules that prevent problem situations, that enable children to function safely and that still allow them to perceive the world as a fundamentally safe and nurturing place.

The stranger rules checklist

A stranger is anyone you don't know. You can't tell the good guys from the bad guys by how they look. You are responsible for keeping yourself safe when you're by yourself.

You are responsible for taking care of yourself, not for grownups. Adults who need help should go to another adult.

Instinct is nature's way of talking to you - listen to that inner voice.

The 4 stranger rules you should always follow when you're not with an adult who is taking care of you are:

- Stay an arm's reach plus away from strangers. Stand up, back up and run to someone who can help you if you feel afraid.

- Don't talk to strangers.

- Don't take anything from strangers - not even your own things.

- Don't go anywhere with someone you don't know.

You don't do it alone. Protecting children from abuse and abduction by strangers is a partnership between you and your children. If you teach your children about strangers as positively and clearly as you teach them to cross the street, they will not only have a healthier attitude about the world, they will be safer.

Editor's note: *The above information was compiled from the following website: <http://www.safechild.org/strangers.htm>.*

For step-by-step role-play and examples, please refer to The Safe Child Book by Sherryll Kraizer, Ph.D.

Check the Internet for other sites with child safety tips, prevention and identification kits.

Feedback

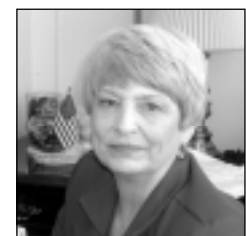
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Which African American inspired you and why?



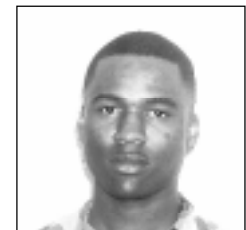
"Malcolm X, because he taught himself and he had self drive and discipline to further himself and not let anyone hold him down."

Pvt. Jason English
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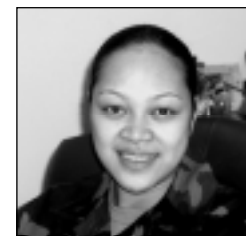
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Commentary: Be a bandwidth nibbler, not a Kobayashi

by Lt. Gen. Peter CuvIELLO

Given two options for eating hot dogs at lunch, we can take the refined route and nibble on them one bite at a time. Or, we can emulate Japanese professional speed-eater Takeru "The Tsunami" Kobayashi, who crammed 50 hot dogs down his throat in 12 minutes at a competitive-eating contest last July at New York's Coney Island.

Kobayashi's maneuver clearly repels us. And yet, when it comes to stuffing huge amounts of data into the e-mails we send, we're imitating Kobayashi's feat — except that the 113-pound self-proclaimed "Tsunami" kept his meal down. Our huge e-mail attachments so upset the flow of available bandwidth, that our computer networks swiftly regurgitate them back at us as undeliverable.

Bandwidth, of course, is just a fancy way of describing how fast

information can be carried through a phone line, cable line, satellite feed, and so on. When we choke our bandwidth with the file equivalent of 50 hot dogs, we clog, and in some cases, obstruct, our systems. In contrast, we can easily swallow a bite of one hot dog better than we can 50 barely chewed ones at the same time.

This is no idle consideration. Soldiers deploying today need every bit of bandwidth for their network-centric operations. The old method of attaching large files to an e-mail and broadcasting it via sequential chain-mail to entire garrisons, major commands, or the Army-wide workforce requires huge chunks of bandwidth and brings networks and in-boxes to a crawl. Unless we do our part to preserve the smooth operation of the Army's bandwidth, we will be putting our war fighters' security and success at risk.

Fortunately, there's an easy fix,

simply by restricting what we send out as attachments to e-mail.

Instead of e-mailing large files, such as slide charts, announcement flyers, video clips, among others, we should simply upload them to a collaboration area on Army Knowledge Online, the Army Portal located at www.us.army.mil. Once posted on AKO, we can send out to all concerned a brief AKO message that contains a link to the item. This way, instead of sending millions of bytes of data, only a few thousand are sent.

This AKO method minimizes the burden on bandwidth, networks and in-boxes and allows us to use limited bandwidth for those essential operational-mission requirements. It also eliminates the need for thousands of people to resend and/or store the same large files on their computers' hard drives or file servers all over the Army.

That's because AKO's Knowl-

edge Collaboration Center, or KCC, essentially is now your hard drive, accessible to the whole Army, and with just one copy on one server. The KCC areas can also be limited to just a few persons that you select yourself. AKO has a full set of self-teaching tutorials, and we've backed it up with round-the-clock help-desk support.

The Army has invested heavily in the AKO portal and portal technology. We believe the KCC offers everyone a smarter and better way to achieve the same end results, while enabling all to be good stewards of limited bandwidth resources.

So, do your part. Stop sending large enclosures via e-mail and start using the AKO portal to the maximum. Be a bandwidth nibbler, not a Kobayashi.

Editor's note: *Lt. Gen. Peter CuvIELLO is the Army's Chief Information Officer/G-6.*

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212 ways to be a Soldier

A day in the life of...a 95B (military police - K9 military police)

Note: *This is the 24th MOS featured in the series describing all of the 212 Army careers. This is part six of seven featuring this MOS, with the final installment to come next week.*

Spc. Ryan Matson
Staff writer

All military police have guns, bulletproof vests and ID. Most police have squad cars, some have bikes, others may have trucks. Some have riot gear or repelling equipment. But Staff Sgt. Ernest A. Mayfield, 35th Military Police Detachment, has something that may be more useful than all of these.

He has a dog.

Mayfield is a K-9 policeman here on Fort Gordon, which means he spends hundreds of training hours a month, including weekends, with a four-legged partner.

"The difference between us and regular 95Bs is that we have the added asset of a military working dog," Mayfield said.

And quite an asset a military police working dog can be.

"These dogs can search for people, explosives and narcotics. They are also an advantage in crowd control and handling riots. The dog acts as a psychological deterrent. A dog is more apt to get a bad guy's attention than an MP standing there with a club."

To become a K-9 military police, a soldier must first enlist as a regular 95B, military policeman, and then go on to a special school to attain an additional skill identifier to learn the basics of working with a dog. To be eligible for this three-month K-9 school held at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, a military policeman must be grade E-4 or above and have 12 months of experience as an MP.

But perhaps the most important requirement, Sgt. Peter D. Bernritter, 35th Military Police Detachment, said, is an enjoyment of being around dogs.

"Especially just because you're around them so much, you're going to get bitten eventually," he said. "It's just the nature of the game."

At the dog-handling school in Lackland, MPs are matched up with dogs based on their personalities.

"You don't want to have a weak handler with an overly-aggressive dog, or the team will never work," Mayfield said. "You want to have a high-strung dog with an MP who has a high-strung personality because they challenge and compliment each other."

The dogs and their handlers become an inseparable team, Bernritter said.

"One dog, one handler, that's the regulation" Bernritter said, noting that each of the eight dogs on post are paired off with only one MP. "That's the only way to build esprit de corps and cohesion."

Here on Fort Gordon, there are eight dogs in the kennels, each paired with a K-9 MP. Mayfield said the dogs come to post with a knowledge of basic commands, but the MPs work with them endlessly from there to form a productive team.

"We build on the basic skills they've received at Lackland," Mayfield said.

Bernritter and Mayfield said the MPs train with the dogs using small amounts of controlled real or pseudo-explosives as well as small amounts of illegal narcotics, stored under stringent guidelines, to teach and practice detection with the dogs. They also work in

a variety of environments, on and off post, to keep the dogs ready for any situation.

There are several breeds of dogs that are used by military police as working dogs, K-9 MP Sgt. Matthew Hammond, 35th Military Police Detachment said. They are the German and Dutch Shepherds, Belgian Tervuran, Belgian Sheepdog and the Belgian Malinois.

Hammond said these breeds of dogs are used because of their intelligence and capability to perform.

"These dogs are high in prey drive," Hammond said. "They have an overall high workability and a good disposition for training. All these breeds of dogs come from herding backgrounds so they're usually smarter and work better on their own and can do all the different things they're asked to do."

Being a K-9 MP carries with it several unique and exciting assignments, Mayfield said.

Mayfield said. "We're involved in ongoing operations in that and in assisting with missions involving border security."

Sgt. Uleesees Burgess, 35th Military Police Detachment, was on one such assignment when in El Paso. He said his K-9 partner helped him locate and confiscate thousands of dollars of narcotics during his time there.

Bernritter, meanwhile, has worked hand-in-hand with the Secret Service providing security and protection for the president in his travels.

Though K-9 policemen do get a lot of unique and exciting assignments, Bernritter said it is also not quite as glamorous as it is made out to be.

"There's so much more to do in this line of work than just being a regular MP," Bernritter said. "Someone is out here every day of the week checking on the dogs, picking up after the dogs, cleaning up dog droppings, because they obviously can't feed and take care of themselves."

The K-9 MPs described some of the many rewarding things they get from working with dogs.

"I get satisfaction from working with a dog that may be hard to handle initially and making it a valuable product and member of the team," Bernritter said.

Burgess, revealed what he likes about being a K-9 MP, "Knowing an area is free and clear of any narcotics because of you and your dog is rewarding."

But perhaps Mayfield offered the best reason it is great to work with a four-legged partner.

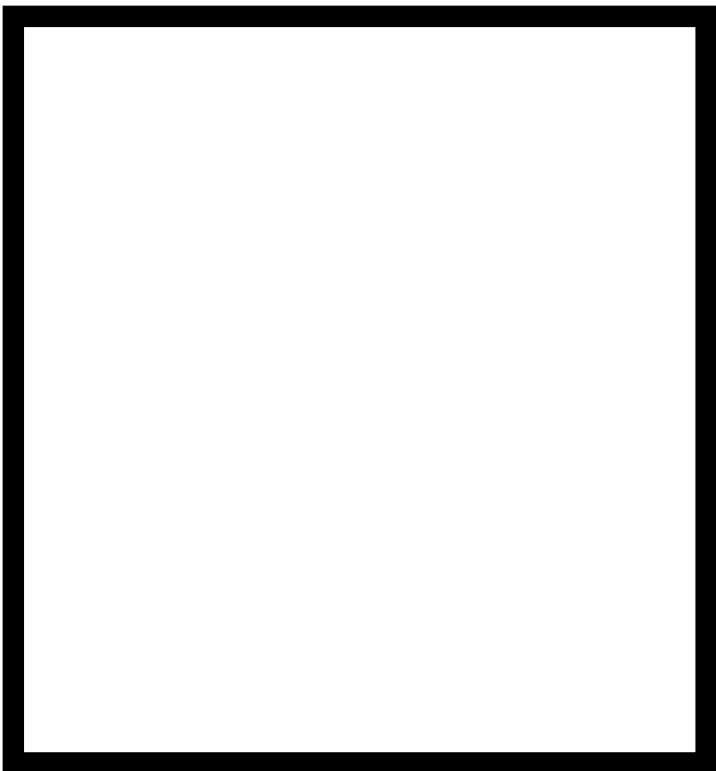
"The best thing about working with a dog is knowing that you have a partner who's loyalty is unconditional, who would sacrifice his life for you without question," Mayfield said.

"That's something that you cannot truly expect from all soldiers, but with a military working dog, it's automatic."



Photos by Spc. Ryan Matson

(Above) During a training exercise in the kennel area, Bino, a Dutch Shepherd with a brindle coat, chomps into a protective glove worn by Sgt. Peter D. Bernritter, 35th Military Police Detachment as Sgt. Uleesees Burgess, 35th Military Detachment, the dog's handler, holds his leash. Bino is one of eight military police working dogs kept in the kennels on post. German and Dutch Shepherds, Belgian Tervurans, Belgian Sheepdogs, and Belgian Malinois are the breeds typically used by the MPs. The dogs can be used for riot and crowd control, and to detect explosives and narcotics. (Below) Burgess walks his partner into the training area. The two spend hundreds of hours a month working together and become an inseparable team.



Linda Yehle: 2002 Volunteer of the Year

Spc. Zoe Morris
News Editor

Linda Yehle works between 20 and 40 hours a week. So do many others on Fort Gordon. Yehle works for free. Like few others on Fort Gordon. And she does it all with a smile on her face. This is why she was named Fort Gordon's Volunteer of the Month for April 2002 and Volunteer of the Year for 2002.

Growing up in a small Kansas town, Yehle's parents would take the kids to the big town blood drive, held twice a year, she said.

She began giving again while attending Kansas State University.

Yehle was so familiar with the blood center at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where her husband Lt. Col. Michael Yehle, now executive officer, Southeast Regional Veterinary Command, was stationed, that the blood drive coordinator, who was leaving, told Yehle she should take over.

"She said, 'You could do this,'" and I said, 'Well, I suppose I could,'" Yehle said.

She now has nine years as a Red Cross volunteer under her belt.

"I enjoy the people I work with," Yehle said. "I enjoy meeting new people. That's the big reason I'm in here. I love to gab, as my husband

says."

Though Yehle may love to gab, her actions while volunteering are far more serious and helpful.

"She just gives so much for the community, for the hospital, for Red Cross," Sandy Chambers, Red Cross station manager, said. "She puts in lots of hours."

Yehle's responsibilities with the Red Cross include being in charge of the volunteers.

"Training the volunteers, placing the volunteers, dealing with any problems they may have, is all part of my job," Yehle said. There are volunteers in the main Post Exchange pharmacy, escorts in the hospital and volunteers who pick up hospital patients in the parking lot.

But Yehle doesn't stop at the Red Cross. She volunteers with the Eisenhower Army Medical Center's Health Services Auxiliary and the Officers' Wives' Club.

HSA is an organization that raises money to help the hospital by buying items the clinics cannot get through other ways, such as artificial plants to brighten up the dining hall.

She is the quilt coordinator for the OWC and has worked extensively on the quilt made to raise money for the Christmas house for the past three years.

"She works with OWC and HSA and quilting so she's always on the go, always doing something for somebody," Chambers said.

"She deserved to be recognized for her work," Chambers, who nominated Yehle for the award, said she wishes she had more people like Yehle to work with.

"She's very committed," Chambers said. "When she says she will do something, she does it. She's a very responsible person."

"I'm very honored (that I was nominated)," Yehle said. "I didn't know anything about it until someone was like 'Who won?' and they were like, 'Well, Linda did.'"

"It is a way for them to say thank you," she said. "It's a way for the post to realize the Red Cross is on post and still active, providing services. I think there are people who don't know the Red Cross is here or the services it provides."

Yehle's hard work helps the American Red Cross stay running and visible, though she insists it's all in fun.

"I would love to sit around the house and quilt all day, but I love getting out and meeting people too much," she said. "Volunteering with the Red Cross and OWC and HSA is one way to get out and go to lunch or whatever and have a good time



Photo by Spc. Zoe Morris

Linda Yehle was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award in January for her work with the Red Cross, Officers' Wives' Club and the Eisenhower Army Medical Center's Health Services Auxiliary.

with other people.

"It's one of the ways that I have used to get into a new community. I go into the Red Cross office shortly after I move in a new area and I find people that are of the same interest and I feel I am part of the community faster that way."

And the community finally got its chance to thank her for wanting to become a part of it.

Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, commanding general, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., presented Col. Mike Guthrie, deputy commander, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, with the Samuel Sharpe Award Monday.



Photos by Spc. Zoe Morris

Guthrie awarded Ordnance award

Col. Michael Guthrie was awarded The Samuel Sharpe award for his work with the 73rd Ordnance Battalion while commander of the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade from 2000 - 2002. The award is equivalent to the Signal Regiment's Bronze or Silver Order of Mercury.

Samuel Sharpe was charged with the care of the "five pieces of Ordnance that belonged to the colony" in February of 1628. In 1629, Sharpe was appointed by the Council of the Plantation in Massachusetts Bay Colonies to be "master gunner of ordnance."

Just living is not
enough. One must
have sunshine, freedom,
and a little flower.



~Hans Christian Anderson~ The
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What's taxable and what is not?

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For more information on military pay and taxes, you can consult IRS Publication 3 - *The Armed Forces' Tax Guide*. The tax publication can be found on the IRS web site, **<http://www.irs.gov>**.

Community Events

Kettle Creek

The Georgia Society and the Samuel Elbert Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will celebrate the 224th anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kettle Creek on **Sunday**.

The service will begin at 2 p.m. and will feature the 434th U.S. Army Band, an Honor Guard from the Ceremonial Detachment, Fort Gordon, Greene County High School Air Force JROTC unit, and the award winning Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard.

For more information, call Col. George Thurmond at 770-475-1463.

“Sweetheart Ball”

Fort Gordon Sergeants Major Association will hold its annual Valentine’s Day Sweetheart Ball **Feb. 14**, in the Gordon Club at 6:30 p.m.

Ticket cost for E- 6 and below is \$20 per person, E- 7 and above and civilians will be \$25 per person.

Dress is semi-formal and the general public is invited.

For more information or tickets, call your command sergeant major for tickets or one of the following: Sgt. Maj. Donna Thames at thamesd@gordon.army.mil or 791-1574; Sgt. Maj. Alfred Simmons at simmons@gordon.army.mil or 791-7985; or Sgt. Maj. Bobbie Ramthal at ramtahab@gordon.army.mil or 791-3111.

“BIG” fund-raiser

The Greater Augusta Area Chapter of Blacks in Government will hold their annual dinner dance scholarship fund-raiser, **Saturday** at the Gordon Club.

The event begins at 7 p.m. and continues until 1:30 a.m. Dress is semi-formal. Tickets cost \$20.

For more information or for tickets, call 791-6780.

Retention training

The Department of the Army Mobile Retention Training Team from Fort Jackson, will conduct retention training for company and battalion level retention noncommissioned officers **Feb. 18 - 21**. The training will be conducted each day from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Gordon Club.

Attendance is mandatory for all company and battalion reenlistment noncommissioned officers. All brigade, battalion and group career counselors are points of contact for their units.

The post retention office is available for any units that do not have access to a career counselor and can be reached at 791-7387/4725.

Black History Month at EAMC

Eisenhower Army Medical Center celebrates Black History Month with a variety of events. “Celebrating Black Unity - 77 Years of Recognition.”

Feb. 15 there will be a Fashion/Talent Show and Dinner at the Gordon Club. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. Call Annie Wilson, 787-1281, or Frankie Henry, 787-5174, for tickets or more information. Tickets are \$10.

Feb. 20 is a celebration luncheon at Ike’s Cafe, 3rd Floor, EAMC, 11am-1pm. There will be an art display, choir and historical skits. Luncheon is a la carte.

Feb. 27 is the Command Program from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the EAMC Auditorium.

Opening comments by the Commanding General of Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Brig. Gen. Eric Schoomaker and the guest speaker is Rev. Eric Taylor, pastor and founder of Emmanuel Faith Tabernacle International Ministries.

For more information about

these events, call Kathleen Haskell at 787-3400.

OWC scholarship

The Officers’ Wives’ Club is offering scholarships for those eligible. Applications are available for all those holding a military I.D. card.

Applications have been sent to counselors at all high schools and colleges and may also be picked up at the Education Center, Community Life Center and Thrift Shop.

Deadline for submission is **March 1**.

For more information, call Diana Plowman at 228-4271.

Oratorical contest

Scholarships and awards are being offered by Blacks In Government to young people who compete in a nationwide contest enhancing their communications skills.

Students will compete locally, regionally and nationally to present the best oration on the topic, “Web Enabling the African American Community.”

The contest is open to students in grades nine through twelve. Schools, community and fraternal groups are urged to provide contestants.

Applications are available in the guidance office of all area high schools.

Deadline for applications is **Feb. 14**.

For more information call the Greater Augusta Area Chapter Blacks in Government Contest Chairperson, Thomas A. Brown Jr. at 706-736-0778.

Recognition

Fort Gordon Public Affairs office is looking for service members and civilian employees to feature in the *Augusta Chronicle’s* weekly supplement, “Fort Gordon Neighbors.”

Nominations can come from the commander, executive officer or command sergeant major of a battalion or its equivalent. Candidates can be a company’s soldier of the month, quarter, etc. or anyone deemed worthy. Tenant units on post should submit through their Public Affairs office or representative.

Submission deadline is close of business, **Tuesday**. Photo and interview session with the *Augusta Chronicle* will be held **Thursday** at 8 a.m. in the Signal Corps Museum, Conrad Hall, Building 29807.

Nominations can be sent by fax at 791-2061 or email: holmesw@gordon.army.mil.

For more information, call Henry Holmes at 791-5139.

Warrant officer recruiting

The Army’s warrant officer recruiting team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox will present briefings on opportunities to become warrant officers.

The briefings will be in Olmstead Hall on **Feb. 18** at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and **Feb. 19** at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

For more information visit www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant/warrant.htm. or call Chief Warrant Officer 5 Pete Hewitt at 791-5771.

Mass choir

The Celebration Mass Choir holds their inaugural Black History concert.

The concert is **Feb. 16** at 6 p.m. at Thankful Baptist Church in Augusta.

For more information, call Connie Moore at 855-5791, Gene Beverly at 787-5170 or Beverly Muse at 833-6158.

Civilian of the quarter nominations

Nominations for the Fort Gordon Civilian of the Quarter for the quarter ending March

31 must be submitted by close of business **March 17**.

The narrative should not exceed two pages. Nominations will be for GS 5-8, NA 8-15, NL 8-13, NS 6-11, WG 5-7, WL 4-6, WS 1-2 and NF 2-3.

Send the nomination to DHR, via e-mail, reidm@gordon.army.mil.

For more information, call Mary Reid at 791-3840.

EWC monthly meetings

The Fort Gordon Enlisted Wives’ Club monthly meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the 4th **Wednesday** of each month in Building 40705, 41st Street. Everyone is welcome, including civilian employees working at Fort Gordon.

The Annual Membership Drive will be held **March 26**, in honor of Women’s History Month.

For more information call Linda Holden, 854-9387 or Rosemary Marshall, 791-2675.

Bake Sale

Health Services Auxillary will have a bake sale, along with Valentines’ Day gifts. The sale is **Feb. 14** from 7 a.m. to noon on the 2nd Floor lobby at Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

For more information, call 738-1196.

OWC dinner and a movie

Fort Gordon Officers’ Wives’ Club presents ‘Dinner and a Movie’ **Tuesday**, 6:30 p.m. -9 p.m. in the Magnolia Room, Gordon Club.

The feature presentation is “Someone Like You” and dinner choices include chicken crepes or beef stroganoff. Tickets cost \$11 for members and their guests.

For more information and reservations call Connie Hook 869-8231 or Ann Iwancio 863-9789.

Dinner theatre

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre will offer a Valentines’ deal **Feb. 14**. The special includes a rose, candy, dinner and the highly acclaimed comedy-thriller - “When The Reaper Calls” - all for general admission prices. The general public cost \$30, seniors 65 and over and civilian personnel \$28. Showtime is 8 p.m. (dinner served at 7 p.m.).

Additional show dates are **Feb. 15, 21, 22, 27, 28 and March 1**. Patrons may opt to see the show without dinner for \$10 with reservations through the box office. Active duty military E7 and below may enjoy performances and dinner for \$17.

However, \$10 and \$17 tickets will not be available on Valentines’ Day.

For reservations or additional information, call the Box Office at 793-8552 or visit fortgordon.com.

FAP

Family Advocacy Program is offering a parenting series 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following dates: **Monday** - appropriate discipline and **Feb. 24** - fun activities for families.

For more information, visit ACS office in Darling Hall, Room 367 or call 791-0794.

Green to gold

Reserve Office Training Corps briefings will be presented by 2nd Lt. Eugene Irby, III in the Education and Career Development Division, Building #21606 at 1 p.m. **Feb. 12, 19 and 26 and March 5, 12, 19 and 26**. There is limited seating available.

For more information, call 791-2000 to reserve your seat.

Women’s History Month

The command program for “Women’s History Month” is **March 13**, at 1:30 p.m. in Alexander Hall. The guest speaker for the program is Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Reserve, Command Sgt. Maj. Michele S. Jones.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity Office at 791-2014/6455.

DSOY dinner

The First Annual Drill Sergeant of the Year Recognition Dinner will be **March 5**, in the Gordon Club at 6:00 p.m. Attending the dinner will be, the Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks and Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Terry, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon.

Ticket cost is \$20 per person. Dress is semi-formal and the general public is invited.

For more information or tickets contact one of the following: Drill Sgt. Harry Ferguson at fergusoh@gordon.army.mil or 791-9095; Drill Sgt. Mariano Alvarez at alvarezm@gordon.army.mil or 791-6493; Drill Sgt. Anthony Ray at raya@gordon.army.mil or 791-1250; Drill Sgt. Shannon McDonald at mcdonalds@gordon.army.mil or 791- 3962.

Town survey

Log on to the Garrison’s Homepage and take the town hall meeting survey.

It takes just a few minutes to complete and will provide invaluable information in scheduling the next meeting in March. Your suggestions and comments are needed.

Go to <http://www.gordon.army.mil/garrfp/default.htm>.

“Women’s Heritage Month”

ANCOC class 31W 003-03 sponsors a women’s luncheon and door prize drawing, **March 7**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1

p.m. at The Gordon Club.

The luncheon will include poetry reading, fashion show, door prizes and guest speaker Sgt. Maj. Brenda McCall.

For more information, call 790-3676 ext. 4207.

EWC scholarships

The Fort Gordon Enlisted Wives Club Scholarship Applications will be in the counselors office at all area high schools by **Feb. 25** and available to all ID card holders. Deadline for submission is **April 30**. The EWC extends sincere thanks to the Sergeants Major Association for the monetary donation to the scholarship fund.

Additionally, thanks are extended to Command Sgt. Maj. McKinley Curtis, RNCOA, Sgt.1st Class

Nathaniel Davenport, and the Students of Class 31S 002-03 for their support in preparing the building for the EWC’s Christmas Gift Wrap Fund-raiser. This has been a class project for one of the classes from the RNCOA each year since 1999 and is truly appreciated by the EWC.

For more information concerning Scholarships call, Shirley Johnson at 791-7656 or Rosemary Marshall at 791-2675.

Pay office closed

The Defense Military Pay Office will be closed on **Feb. 14 - 17** in observance of training holiday and Presidents’ Day Holiday. For emergencies, please page 241-1486.

For more information, call 791-4826.

School Yard: Scholarship Tips

“...don’t procrastinate and always investigate!”

1. Apply for aid as early as possible. Deadlines vary, but your application for Federal Student Aid can be sent any time after Jan. 1. An early application will help get the best financial aid package possible.

2. Take advantage of tuition prepayment discounts. Many colleges offer up to a 10% discount for early payment.

3. Money from grandparents may avoid gift tax liability if paid directly to the school.

4. Investigate company-sponsored tuition plans.

5. Apply for financial aid each year you are in school. Even if you receive aid during one year, you must reapply to get it for the next year. Use the Renewal FAFSA form to reapply for aid and save time. See your FAA for assistance.

Visit the School Liaison Services web site www.gordon.army.mil/liasvc for information on scholarships available for military dependent students.

Fort Gordon Report



COMING UP

The newest edition of the “Fort Gordon Report” premieres **Feb. 10** and includes the following stories:

- 63rd Signal Battalion Deployment Preparations
- Tactical Message System at Fort Gordon
- Soccer Shoot-Out

The “Fort Gordon Report” and “Army Newswatch” alternate weeks on *Charter Cable Channel 13*: Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The newest edition of “Army Newswatch” will premiere **Feb. 17**.

You can catch the latest “Fort Gordon Report” on *Comcast Cable Channel 66* on: Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 9 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

The “Fort Gordon Report” is the Signal Center’s official television news program and is produced on post by the Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office and the Training and Support Center.

Watch the “Fort Gordon Report” for the stories that matter in your community and throughout your Army!

Yes, your donation counts

Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

(Additional comments from the Chief, Kendrick Blood Center, by Kathleen Haskell, special to *The Signal*)

The Armed Forces Blood Program seeks donors to help increase its stock of fresh blood.

Col. Michael Fitzpatrick, who oversees the Armed Services Blood Bank blood collection and distribution system, said there is “some additional urgency” to replenish the military’s supplies because of the prospects of war.

To date, the program has been self-supporting in meeting DoD’s need for blood. All 17,000 units shipped to date in support of Operation Enduring Freedom have come from DoD blood collection centers.

The DoD program has been able to meet military requirements despite precautionary deferrals for the human form of “mad cow disease.”

“We increased our deferrals by 18 percent and we’ve increased our collections almost 20 percent. That’s almost a 40 percent increase in recruitment to achieve the goal that we have in collection,” he said.

Having sufficient blood supplies ready to use is cru-

cial to military readiness as the United States prepares for possible conflict in Iraq, Fitzpatrick said.

The need for blood and its byproducts tends to rise significantly during contingency operations and as preparations for war step up, he noted.

The Defense Department has a sufficient supply of blood products to meet current needs and has replaced its stockpile of frozen plasma, which had been reduced in December by a voluntary withdrawal of frozen plasma potentially affected by West Nile virus.

The shipment of blood overseas to support contingency operations has meant less blood on the shelf, he added.

Although the military will continue to press for more donors, Fitzpatrick advised that they not rush to give blood all at once.

Fresh blood, which is the preferred product for transfusions and other medical needs, has a shelf life of only 42 days, he said.

“If everyone donates on Day 1, every unit of blood expires on Day 42. It’s much better to stagger donations — that’s what allows us to maintain a constant supply of blood,” Fitzpatrick explained.

“When your local donor center asks you or your unit to donate, that’s when we need military personnel and

their families to respond,” he added.

“Scheduling donations allows us to keep a steady supply of blood flowing to our deployed units and to our medical treatment facilities.”

If the Defense Department program cannot stockpile enough blood to meet needs, Fitzpatrick said, the military could buy blood from civilian blood agencies — although many of them currently are experiencing their own shortages.

He said his office negotiates contracts with civilian blood agencies to provide for civilian support if needed.

Here at Fort Gordon, Capt. Jose Quesada, chief of Blood Services, Kendrick Blood Center said “the blood quota for contingency has increased.

“The country is experiencing a shortage of blood overall and we must increase collections to meet the requirements.”

Quesada urges the local military units, family members, retirees and civilians to cooperate with the Kendrick Memorial Blood Center blood program.

Every drop of blood Kendrick Blood Center collects goes to support military needs.

“Contact and schedule a unit blood drive at 787-1014,” urged Quesada.

“President’s Weekend” holiday hours

The following hours are for President’s Day Feb. 17, unless otherwise indicated.

Main Store	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Food Court Burger King	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Popeye’s/Charley’s	10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Cinnabon	8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Frank’s Franks	CLOSED
Anthony’s Pizza, Robin Hood, Baskin Robbins	10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Mobil Units	CLOSED
Gate 1 Shoppette	8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Gate 5 Shoppette	REGULAR HOURS
PXTRA	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Theater	REGULAR HOURS
Class Six	CLOSED
Main Burger King	8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
MCSS	CLOSED
ALLTEL	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Optical Shop	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Main Barber Shop	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Main Beauty Shop	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
GNC	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Flower Shop	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Portrait Studio	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Building 35200/35201/35202 Wright’s Shoe Shine	CLOSED
Shoe Repair/Specialty Shop	CLOSED
Washateria	REGULAR HOURS
Main L/DC/ALT	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Car Rental	CLOSED
Papa Joe’s # 1	CLOSED
MCC Phone Center	CLOSED
Building 25440 Sprint Barracks Phone Ctr.	CLOSED
Building 24701 Papa Joe’s #2	CLOSED
Building 300 Hospital PX/Barber Shop	CLOSED (Feb. 14 - 17)
Starbucks	CLOSED (Feb. 15 - 17)
Building 21711 Retail	CLOSED (Feb. 14 - 17)
Barber Shop	CLOSED (Feb. 14 - 17)
Bldg 25711 Retail	11 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Feb. 14) 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Feb. 15 - 17)
Anthony’s Pizza/ Burger King	11 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Feb. 14) 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Feb. 15 - 17)
Barber Shop , L/DC	CLOSED
Building 29604 Retail	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Anthony’s Pizza/Blimpies (Delivery)	11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Barber/L/DC	CLOSED

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- Casework Chair

- Fundraising Chair

- Hospital Chair

- Public Affairs/Marketing Chair

- Youth Chair

Contact:

- Sandy Chambers or Linda Yehle at 787-6311

- Visit us at the Red Cross Office, 3rd Floor Eisenhower Hospital, Room 3D-09

Domestic violence decreasing Armywide

Beth Reese
Soldiers

Statistics show that rates of domestic violence among Army families are not only lower than national standards, but they are also steadily decreasing, said Brig. Gen. Robert L. Decker, commander of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

Decker made that statement on the inside cover of “Hot Topics: Family Violence Behind Closed Doors,” a pull-out insert in the February issue of *Soldiers* magazine, hitting the street this week at installations Armywide.

The rate for child abuse is 12.2 per 1,000 persons nationwide versus only 5.1 per 1,000 in the Army, according to the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

“During the past seven years, we have seen a steady decline in documented cases of abuse,” said Lt. Col. Yvonne Tucker-Harris, family advocacy program manager for the Community and Family Support Center. She added, though, that some cases still go unre-

ported in both civilian and military communities.

Studies of family violence in the Army show that age and maturity levels are important risk factors in determining an individual’s involvement. Statistically, 22- to 26-year-olds have the highest rate of both spouse and child abuse.

“Any case of domestic violence is one too many,” Tucker-Harris said. “Those of us in the military see ourselves as a family, and family members are as important to readiness as our soldiers are.”

In 2001 there were 6,404 substantiated allegations of family violence within Army ranks. Women and children suffered the most injuries, and researchers emphasize that these numbers include only cases that were reported and cannot be inclusive of violence that occurred unnoticed or was ignored.

The total number of spouse-abuse reports was 7,693, with 3,948 of those reports being substantiated.

Studies reveal that spouse abuse is most frequent among young couples who have not yet

developed joint coping and communication skills.

Child-abuse reports were somewhat lower than those of spouse abuse at 6,579 reports, with 2,456 of those cases being substantiated.

Despite good news, the Army lost four wives and one husband in a string of deadly violence last summer at Fort Bragg, N.C.

“Violence is not compatible with our core values,” Decker said. “It is contrary to everything we believe in as an organization: respect, honor, integrity, personal courage.

“We must empower soldiers to recognize risk factors in their own lives and encourage them to seek help before violence occurs,” Decker said.

The Army Family Advocacy Program offers intervention and treatment services that can turn dysfunctional relationships into healthy bonds, Decker said.

He added that every leader is responsible for acting upon known or suspected cases of family violence.

“If our families are in trouble,” Decker said, “so too is soldier and unit readiness.”

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SBLM application deadline approaching

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Applicants have until Feb. 14 to apply for one of the most dynamic leadership programs the Army has to offer—the Sustaining Base Leadership and Management Program, Class 03-2, which runs from May 19-Aug. 8, 2003.

Civilian employees in grades GS-12 through 14 can apply for the SBLM program, which is fast becoming a critical career step for senior Army civilians.

GS-11s and 15s are welcome to apply by exception. Majors and lieutenant colonels can apply through their branch managers.

The program, which is centrally funded for most Army civilians, is designed to prepare future leaders to manage the Army’s sustaining base— those agencies and programs which support and

train the soldier, prepare the soldier for operations, get the soldier to the operation, sustain the soldier during the operation and return the soldier home.

The sustaining base also includes all systems that support the soldier’s family and quality of life.

To apply for the program or to find out more about it, visit www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil.

You can complete your electronic application online by going to the application process (class dates registration), selecting the Sustaining Base Leadership and Management resident or nonresident program, reviewing the information provided and selecting “SBLM application.” Select, “please e-mail my password to me,” which takes you to a window that

will ask for your social security number.

Select “submit” and a dialogue box will appear to confirm your e-mail address.

If your e-mail address has changed, please contact the Registrar’s Office and we will update the information for you.

Your password will be e-mailed to you. Once you receive your password, you can log into your application by using your social security number and password.

Please complete the six steps in Part I. Your supervisor will then complete the four steps in Part II. Once your supervisor has completed Part II, your application is automatically submitted.

If you have any questions, please contact the Registrar’s Office at 703-805-4757/56.

Co B 73rd learns how to prevent shin splints with proper shoes

1st Lt. Sean Mann
73rd Ordnance Battalion

Company B, 73rd Ordnance Battalion was still training their cadre the day after all of their soldiers left for the holidays. The company commander felt this would be a great time to do some needed classes. One area in need of attention was fitness training and information on the best shoes for running.

Many soldiers in the training environment get shin splints and other related running injuries.

“It stands to reason that anything we can learn to prevent unnecessary injuries is worth looking into,” said Company Commander Capt. Paul Saltysiak.

Company B, 73rd arranged for a visiting expert to stop by

and give tips and advice on everything from proper stretching to the correct way to determine when running shoes need replacing. Dr. Paul Wright Ph.D., the track and field coach from Southern Virginia University, was more than happy to stop in at the company on his way back from a coaches’ symposium in Florida.

Wright emphasized that a large majority of shin splints are related to wearing the wrong shoes or shoes that are too worn out. He also went into detail on how he trains his cross-country runners.

Wright was a former Clemson University letterman in track and field. He has also competed for his home country of Great Britain on the international level and competed in the Olympic trials.

As an athlete sponsored by Powerbar, he has had the opportunity to compete throughout the world. Recently two of his athletes qualified for the Olympic trials in the marathon.

Since arriving at Southern Virginia University, he has guided the Lady Knights Cross-Country team to a USCAA National Championship and the Gentleman Knights to a second place finish.

Bravo 73rd was honored to have Dr. Wright stop in and conduct his mini-seminar. It is their hope he will stop in again sometime over the next year for a larger clinic, which will give him an opportunity to talk to the soldiers.

“His expertise will surely benefit our program,” said Drill Sergeant Monica Harris.

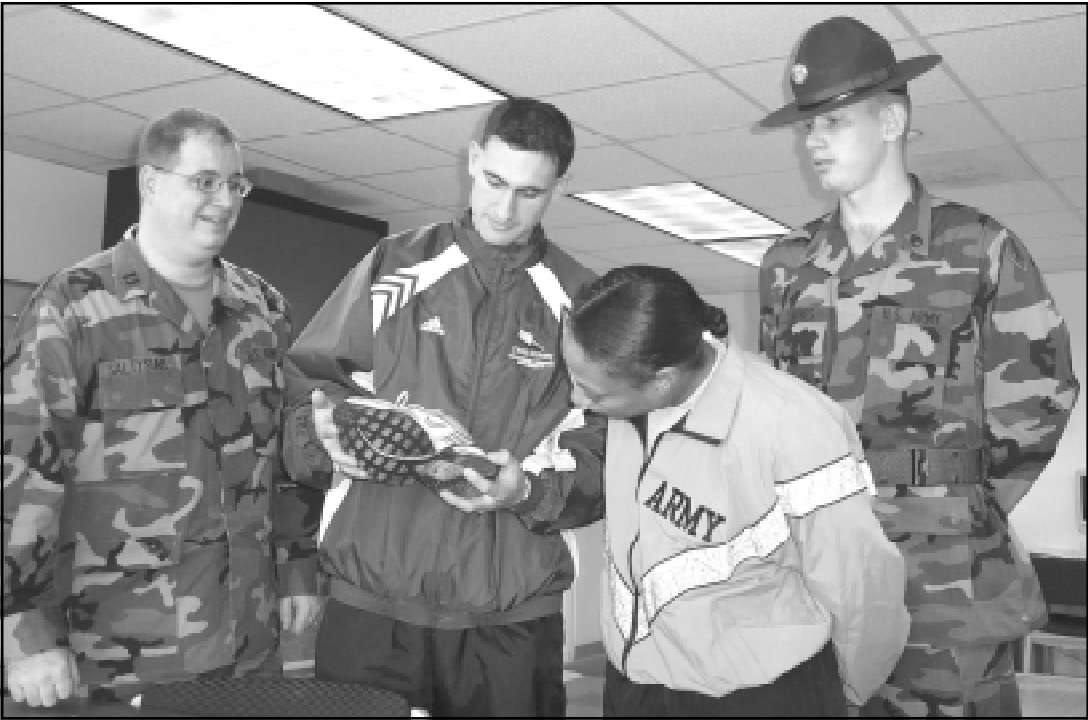


Photo by 1st Lt. Sean Mann

(Left to right) Capt. Paul Saltysiak, Company B, 73rd Ordnance commander, Dr. Paul Wright, track coach at Southern Virginia University, Drill Sergeants Sgt. 1st Class Monica Harris and Staff Sgt. Jason Shores look at a running shoe. Wright explained to the group what to look for when running shoes are worn out.

Little things are important

Chaplain (Col.) Wilfred Brewster Jr.
Installation Chaplain

In 1 Samuel 9-10 there is the unfolding story of Saul’s search for his father’s lost donkeys. An account of some donkeys getting lost hardly seems important to be recorded in the sacred Scriptures.

But in this story we can see the circumstance God used to lead a man from being a shepherd to becoming a king. It gives us clues to some important truths about the value of little things.

Little things are important when God makes big issues out of our little actions. What began as a small event counted up finally to a supreme and glorious purpose.

Important doors often swing on tiny hinges. Saul went to search for his father’s donkeys and discovered a kingdom! Each person

in the story made independent choices. Yet through all these minor little actions, Samuel was brought face to face with God’s chosen king, and God’s will was fulfilled.

In many instances the Bible illustrates the double actions of God-directed purpose finding fulfillment through human actions.

Two convicts met in an Egyptian prison, and Joseph found his destiny. An old man launched a giant killer when he sent David with cheese and cakes to his sons on the battlefield.

No wonder David prayed, “Order my steps in thy word” (Psalm 119:133). Every step, however small, is important; none are insignificant.

Nothing is too small or too trivial to be shared with God. We need to take each step with his blessings, so that when He puts them all together, the plan will be clear and the destination right.

Little things are important when God hides big privileges behind little responsibilities. Saul served well in the simple tasks assigned to him. He proved himself faithful by treating a small responsibility as a big privilege. He was obedient, patient and considerate.

We, too, can only make little things count when we recognize that God often hides his big privileges behind small responsibilities.

Amid the routine duties of life in what may seem to be of little consequence, God often moves us toward His divine destinies. Our task is to be obedient to his guiding Word and follow in his divine way lest we, too, become castaways in the ongoing purposes of God’s kingdom.

God really does make big issues out of little actions! How are you handling the little things?

Marriage Workshop offered Feb. 25

The Marriage Workshop entitled “More Than I’ve Ever Wanted in a Marriage” is a day of ambiance and romance with an educational swing.

The workshop focuses on communication for couples and families, utilizing materials from John Gottman, Ph.D., and the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program. Chaplain (Maj.) Richard J. Bendorf, director, Chaplain Family Life Center, facilitates this interesting one-day workshop.

The workshop is FREE. Come join us for the workshop and lunch (pay as you go through the lunch line).

Make a date with us:
Feb. 25
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Magnolia Room
Gordon Club

For more information and RSVP by Feb. 21, call 791-3579.
Sponsored by the Army Community Service and the Chaplain Family Life Center.

Army Family Action Plan Conference needs

Needs: The two most important areas needing support from commanders are recruiting delegates and gathering issues. (The suggested number of delegates is one junior enlisted, one noncommissioned officer and one officer).

Issue solicitation boxes are located in the following areas:

- The Gordon Club
- Signal Cafe
- ACAP
- ID Card Section
- Darling Hall lobby area
- ACS lobby
- Family Practice Clinic
- Ob-Gyn Clinic
- Ike’s Cafe

Issues may also be submitted electronically at www.gordon.army.mil/acs.

For more information call Lynn Harshman at 791-3880 / 3579.

Eisenhower Army Medical Center’s top soldiers

EAMC Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Sgt. Tammy Price

Sgt. Tammy Price, Company A, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, is Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

She is married to Staff

Sgt. Antione Price, Company D, 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion. They have a 2 year-old son Shalaan Antoine.

She joined the Army in August 1995. Her first duty station was in Bamberg, Germany. Her MOS is 91G, Patient Administration Specialist.

She currently works in the medical boards office assigned to the Patient Administration Division at EAMC.

She works with soldiers temporarily medically retired, Combat Lifesaver and Unit Prevention Leader.



EAMC’s NCO of the Year, Sgt. Tammy Price holds the MOS of 91G, Patient Administration Specialist.

EAMC Soldier of the Year Spc. Lisa Ann Bracy

Spc. Lisa Ann Bracy, Company B, EAMC, is married with no children. She has two cats and her husband is a former soldier.

Currently she is one of the drivers for EAMC’s commanding general.

Originally from Buffalo, N.Y., Bracy joined the Army in August 1999. EAMC is her first duty station.

She is on orders for Germany at Landstuhl Army Medical Center. She reports to LAMC in May.

Her MOS is 91D, Operating room technician.



EAMC Soldier of the Year Spc. Lisa Ann Bracy holds the MOS of 91D, Operating Room technician.

Sports & Leisure

Sports UPDATE

Become a USSSA Sports Official

The United States Specialty Sports Association is looking for certified sports officials. USSSA offers free training for men and women with good pay and flexible hours available. Classes start soon. To sign up contact retired Sgt. 1st Class Donald Capitosti at 738-0723.

Ladies golf schedule

Thursdays are ladies golf days at Gordon Lakes Golf Course. Tee time is 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call Pauline Blandeburgo at 863-3747.

Rowers wanted

The Augusta Rowing Club is looking for new members.

Rowers can participate on one, two, four or eight-person crews. Male, female and co-ed crews are available.

The club practices **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at 6 p.m. and **Saturdays** at 8 a.m. No rowing experience is necessary, as "Learn to row" classes are offered.

For more information, call Tim Jannik at 803-278-0003.

Paintball games

Paintball enthusiasts can enjoy paintball every **Saturday** and **Sunday** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fort Gordon Paintball Field on the Old Center Golf Course.

The cost to play is \$10 per person, which includes safety gear, paintball gun and 100 rounds of paintballs. Long pants, long sleeve shirts and sturdy shoes must be worn at all times.

For more information, call Rory Calhoun of Flying Colors Paintball at 294-8677.

Rugby players wanted

The Augusta Rugby Football Club is looking for men and women to come out and play.

No experience is required. Practice is every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from 7 - 9 p.m. at Richmond Academy, Walton Way.

For more information, log onto www.augustarugby.org.

New company sports seasons beginning

The Sports and Recreation Division announced that the new leagues are about to begin.

The Greybeard basketball league will be the next league to start. Registration will run through **Feb. 24**. Players wishing to participate in this league must be 34 years old by **March 4**. They may be active duty, retired military or a civilian employee. To register, athletes should come to Gym 1 with their ID for proof of age.

For more information, contact Bill Browning at browningW@gordon.army.mil, or sports coordinator Staff Sgt. Billy R. Ashment at 791-6099 or fax 791-9098.



Photos by Spc. Ryan Matson

Fayetteville, Ga., resident Forbes Mathews (above) prepares to fire one of his .50 caliber machine guns. The weapon was used to record the sound effects of a .50 caliber machine gun in the recent movie "Pearl Harbor." Mathews brought six historic weapons to the event.

(Right) Some of the other machine guns featured at the exhibition.



Slingin' some lead

Spc. Ryan Matson
Staff writer

Nine civilian machine-gun collectors came on post to put on a demonstration of some of their historic rapid-fire weaponry Feb. 2 at Range 16 here on post.

Over 41,000 rounds were fired down-range during the exhibition, which featured machine guns and other weapons dating back to the late 1800s.

"This was a Class 3 fun shoot, meaning that the weapons used were mostly .50 caliber and belt-fed firearms," Frank Mihm, president of the Fort Gordon Sportsman's Club, which sponsored the event, said.

Machine gun enthusiasts from as far away as California came to display and fire their weapons, some of which are valued at as much as \$30,000, and one which fired single rounds costing \$100 each.

One collector with a particularly impressive collection was Forbes Mathews of Fayetteville, Ga., who brought six historic weapons to fire including a 1917 World War I water-cooled Browning machine gun, a 1952 water-cooled .50 caliber machine gun, a German machine gun, the MG42, nicknamed "Hitler's ripper" because it fires 1,500 rounds

a minute, a World War I British Vickers machine gun, a 1940 25 mm Rommels cannon, and one of the prize guns of all the weapons on display, an 1895 Brass Maxim water-cooled machine gun.

"That's what Teddy Roosevelt had on San Juan Hill," Mathews said as he gestured toward his classic antique weapon.

Mathews said he obtained his weapons from a museum he bought out, and from various other collectors and private citizens. Since machine guns have been outlawed for sale to the general public since the gangster era in 1934, Mathews said he has had to acquire special licenses to purchase and own the weapons, and that government and law enforcement authorities track their whereabouts at all times. He said that when he's not using them at a demonstration such as this, or at some type of educational/historical display, the weapons are kept locked in a vault.

If someone were to own a .50 caliber machine gun without the proper license, Mathews said the person would face a \$250,000 fine and ten years of jail time.

Despite the expense and amount of special legal pa-

perwork his hobby entails, Mathews said he is addicted.

"I do this for the same reason a guy fools with hot-rod cars," Mathews explained. "It's a mechanical item with history behind it."

At all times during the exhibition, safety was observed. An area was roped off all around the shooting area, and range officers and military police patrolled the grounds to make sure the exhibitors observed range safety regulations. There was also a medic on hand.

"The standard for success with this event beyond anything else was safety," Mihm said.

About 50 to 100 traveled to Range 16 to witness the show.

Mihm said he was pleased with the outcome of the event and hopes Fort Gordon can host additional similar events in the future.

"There are several events like this throughout the country, but not in Georgia, and Fort Gordon had the facilities, so we decided to try it," Mihm said. "We'd like to do it again. We've got people from all over who want to participate."

Ninth annual AUSA Bowl-a-thon to come to Gordon Lanes

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The Augusta/Fort Gordon chapter of Association of the United States Army is hosting their annual Bowl-a-thon to raise money for the organization. The tournament will take place Feb. 28, 29 and March 1 at Gordon Lanes on post.

"I have never had a dissatisfied bowler who attended this event," Bob Snead, one of the event's main organizers, said. "It's a really good event for young advanced individual training soldiers. It gives them something to do."

Last year, about 150 bowlers participated in the tournament to raise a total of \$3,500, Snead said. He said the money goes to AUSA, which in turn donates the money to soldiers' causes and concerns.

The tournament will be made up of teams of five bowlers, Snead said. The cost of a team to enter is a minimum of \$25, which covers the cost of shoes, lane use, three games of bowling, a free game of bowling at the lanes in the future, a tournament T-shirt, a "goodie-bag" and eligibility for door prizes. Teams are encouraged to raise as much money as possible for the cause, Snead said, since the \$25 minimum only covers the cost of these items, but does not raise any money for the tournament. He said that in the past individual bowlers have raised as much as \$500 for their team.

Teams can be made up of any groups - families, friends, coworkers etc. Snead said each team will have a captain who will complete the team's registration forms.

There will be five times in which teams can bowl their three games - 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Feb. 28, noon and 2:30 p.m. March 1, and 1 p.m. on March 2. Grand prizes will be awarded to the bowler scoring the highest score over the three rounds, and to the individual who raises the most money. Additionally, runner-up prizes will be awarded to the bowlers with the second highest score, and team member with the second highest total amount of money raised. AUSA will also present a variety of prizes to registered bowlers, Snead said.

"Everyone will get a prize," Snead said.

For more information on the tournament and registration, call Snead at 791-6444.

At the Movies

The Signal Theater is open Thursday-Sunday. All shows begin at 6:30 p.m. The late show on Saturday begins at 9:30 p.m. Children 12 and over and all adults are \$3. Children 6-11 are \$1.50. Children under 5 are free.

For movie listings and times, call 791-3982.

Feb. 7 -9
Friday - Empire (R)
Saturday - Lord of the Rings (PG-13)
Late show - Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13)
Sunday - Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13)

Note: Attendance at Fort Gordon's movie theater is strictly limited to authorized Post Exchange patrons.



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Soccer kicked in weekend on Barton Field

Chris Nelson goes after the ball during the 18th annual Augusta Arsenal Spring Shootout Soccer Tournament Feb. 1 - 2. Nelson, a member of the CVYSA Blast from Hickory, N.C., was playing the Augusta Arsenal Blue. The Blast won 3 - 0.

Spectrum



63rd Ships out

Sgt. Kelly McCargo
93rd Signal Brigade PAO

The 63rd Signal Battalion transported a battalion of Humvees and Light Medium Tactical Vehicles to the Naval Weapons Station Shipping Yard at Charleston, S.C., Jan. 28 to be loaded onto a ship and transported to the 63rd Sig. Bn.'s final deployment destination at an undetermined date. The movement is the second phase of the battalion's pre-deployment preparations.

The 63rd Sig. Bn. soldiers began departing Fort Gordon at about 5:30 a.m. and every 30 minutes after until noon.

"This is great," said Sgt. Lyle Dillie, 63rd Sig. Bn., signal NCO. "When we got the deployment order and started packing it felt like just another field training exercise but when you see all of these military vehicles on the open roads it brings the deployment into perspective," he said.

"My soldiers are really excited - especially when the civilians get excited and wave to them," said Dillie.

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